object of the note were inspired by fear of war. Diplomais say frankly that the United States Government would indeed be placed in an unenviable position if interpretation of the note were ac-

As a matter of fact no one here in liplomatic circles accepts this interpre-ation. As soon as the President's peace move was interpreted generally as an indorsement of the peace proposals of the Central Powers it became important to offset so far as possible that impression. That is why it is explained the danger of the United States become involved in the war over the sub-narine issue was brought up. It appears now that neither the En-ternation of the Central Powers have been

In the least impressed with this effort to present the American move in a different light. The last doubt vanished when it became known that the United States lovernment had secretly asked Spain to adorse the President's move for peace. Further proof that the President's obwas to seek a form of mediatio in the Administration's efforts to ave the Senate indorse the peace move.

In Teuton and Entente circles the
Wilson note is now regarded as "an offer of mediation in disguise." They are still nvinced that the President will grasp y straw which may be contained in e Entente reply to his note, but there fear that the straw will not be there.

Position of Central Powers.

The position which the Central Powers now occupy is explained in authoritative "So far as the German proposals to the Entente are concerned that matter is finished. The impertment reply of the Entente ended all hope of peace so far

as the direct German proposals were con-But in the President's peace offer we have another matter. The Entente has not yet replied and until they do there still remains a move to be made." Germany, it is explained, is now de-

termined to reply to the Entente's re-jection with the sword and will not send communication. It is possible, however, that some state ments shortly will be made in the Reichstag refuting the Entente charges against Germany.

KAISER IN CONFERENCE. Gives Audience to German and Aus-

trian Foreign Ministers. AMSTERDAM, via London, Jan. 7.—According to German newspapers received here, Count Czernin von Chudenitz, the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, had the German Foreign Minister, Dr. Alfred

Zimmerman, also was present. Peace was one of the matters discussed. Emperor Charles, according to a Vienna telegram received in Amsterdam. has issued an order to the Austro-Hunarian army and fleet in connection with the receipt of the reply from the Entente llies, declaring that the Entente alone to blame for the continuation of the

PRESSURE ON NEUTRALS.

London "Times" Says Germany Enters on Second Peace Campaign. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN from the

London Times.

London, Jan. 7.—Under the heading.
German War to the Knife: a Menace to
Neutrals," the Times prints extracts
from the German and Austrian press

stage of her peace campaign. On the one hand, the Kaiser has replied to the Allies' rejection of his bait by issuing a manifesto to his troops declaring that the war will continue, while on the other pressure upon neutrals has been in-

"There is great nervousness in the neutral countries bordering Germany and through the press at home and Germany is playing upon those The French Government has taken the step of repeating once more most formal way the assurances already given to Switzerland that France will strictly respect Swiss neu-

is assumed that this renewed pledge is inspired by the possibility of a breach of Swiss neutrality by Germany for the purpose of attacking the French army and frontier. Such a pos-sibility was hinted by our correspondent ith the French armies in a despatch which appeared January 1.
"Sinister threats against neutrals are

general, but it is obvious they are di-rected especially at Holland. In the Tockomst, a German maintained newsper published in the Dutch language, rlin correspondent urges that there be no further respect for the opinion of merchant ships be treated as auxiliary cruisers and sunk without regard for the lives of those on board. Neutral travellers can expect no special favor, says on the other side.

The Holland-America liner Nieuw this writer, as it is to be expected that this writer, as it is to be expected that this writer, as it is to be expected that this writer, as it is to be expected that this writer, as it is to be expected that this writer, as it is to be expected that the following the following the father of seven colliders. His wife had died the day before." The Holland-America liner Nieuw achedule at 6 o'clock last evening, believe to make a round trip with the court coaling again at Liverpool, and it is not unlikely that she may be delayed try.

"A few days ago at Gembloux the Germans took away a man who was Amsterdam was unable to sail on her that the father of seven colliders. His wife had died the day before." The Holland-America liner Nieuw Germans took away a man who was the father of seven colliders. His wife had died the day before." The Holland-America liner Nieuw Germans took away a man who was the father of seven colliders.

fallsche Zeitung says: 'We must defend pleasure in some sneaks, a new descripn of neutrals."

FRANCE THANKS AMERICA.

Premier Briand Grateful for New Year Good Wishes.

The France-America Society of New Tork, through Nicholas Murray Butler, president, and F. Cunliffe-Owen, chairman of the executive committee, sent New Year's wisnes for the success of France to Premier Briand. The society has received the following reply: "France-America Society, New York.

"I am profoundly touched by the ex-pression of the good wishes which you have been so kind as to address both to my country and to myself. Pray be assured of the sentiments of sympathy entertained by the Government of the Republic for a society which, such as yours, has undertaken to facilitate and foster interlectual relations between the United States and France, two nation that are aiready bound to one another by traditions of more than a century and by the pursuit of the same ideals. "President, Council of Ministers."

POLISH ARMY FIRST STEP.

Austro-German Council to Hold Initial Meeting To-morrow.

Amsterdam, via London, Jan. 7.—The Prankfurler Zeitung, a copy of which has been received here, says it learns that the temporary Polish Council will consist of fifteen members, appointed by Germany, and ten by Austria-Hungary. The German members stready have been some property and the Council has been some inted and the Council has been sum-

appointed and the Council has been summend to meet January 9.

The newspaper adds that the first work of the Council will be to organize for the enlistment of a Polish army.

authorized President Valdez to appoint an American fiscal supervisor in com-pliance with the wishes of the State Department at Washington. This will en-

of the note were implied by fear GERMANS ROUTED IN ATTACK AT VERDUN

Crown Prince Launches Heavy Assault Under Cover of Big Guns.

ACTIVE IN CHAMPAGNE

Invaders Suffer Severely in Reconnoitring Dash in Tahure Region.

London, Jan. 7 .- Activity on the west bank of the Meuse, at Verdun, is reported in to-day's French official statement. Le Mort Homme and Hill 304 were the scenes of hand grenade fighting and skirmishing, while the French artillery pounded the Crown Prince's trenches. On the east bank of the Meuse the Germans attacked, but were

repulsed.
The official statements issued to-night

British-In the capture of the two hostile posts near Beaumont-Hamel, reported yesterday, fifty-six prisoners were taken. The enemy attacked these posts this morning after heavy ar tillery preparation, but the attack was completely repulsed.

We operated a very successful raid

this afternoon south of Armentieres Nineteen German prisoners were

German Raiders Fail.

The enemy attempted to enter our trenches early this morning southwest of Wytschaete after a short, heavy bombardment. The attackers were re-pulsed in disorder, and with consider-able losses. Another enemy attempt able losses. Another enemy attempt early this morning under cover of an intense bombardment against advanced posts on our front north of Ypres was driven off by our fire.

There has been artillery activity at various points along our front, particularly south of Souchez and in the neighborhood of La Bassee Canal, Ar-

entieres and Ypres.
French—In Belgium there was spir-

ited artillery fighting in the sector of Nieuport-Bains.

Champagne. in the region of Tahure, an enemy reconnaissance, taken under our fire, suffered losses and was dispersed. There is nothing to report on the rest of the front.

Belgian Front Active.

Belgian-Artillery actions took place to-day along the whole Belgian front, particularly spirited in the direction of Steenstracte. Northeast of that place the Belgian guns exploded an enemy munitions depot.

The French statement issued in the

West of the Meuse there have been skirmishes and encounters with hand grenades in the Fille Morte sector and around Hill 204. Our artillery has bombarded actively the northern slope of Hill 285. La Haute Chevauchee and also certain German organizations in the region of Le Mort Homme.

East of the Meuse a surprise attack of the chemy, supported by a spirited bombardment, resulted in complete failure at a point to the east of Vaux-

In the Vosges, at a point to the west of Sainte Marie Hill, an enemy attack was checked by our fire.

The following statement has been is-sued by German headquarters: Army group of Crown Prince Rup-Army group of Crown Prince Rup-precht: After several hours of ar-tillery preparation English battalions attacked south of Arras. The attack broke down under heavy losses in our

artillery and machine gun fire.
Unfavorable weather limited the fighting activity in all the other sectors on this front.

TWO BIG LINERS GET AWAY.

Bituminous Conl.

The American liner St. Louis. yesterday morning just before sunrise. She had all her bunkers filled, but her others in Holland and that all British bunker capacity is not big enough to

in press .t home is equally although all her passengers, including
The Rheinische West- 220 first and second cabin, were abourd and impatient to get away. purselves by all means without consider- still coaling at that hour and the iming whether these means arouse dis- pression grew that she might wait until dawn to-day, but the glorious moonlight inspired her pilot and her skipper to

most as plainly as at midday, their lights being merely superfluous illuminaion to an already shining way. It was the first moonlight excursion of the winter and the only one pulled off by any line in several years.

BISSOLATI WINS MEDAL.

Italian Socialist Leader Honored for Bravery at Front.

Rome, via Paris, Jan. 7 -- Signor Bissolati, leader of the Reformed Socialists and Minister without portfolio in the Italian Cabinet, has been awarded the military medal. The circumstances under which the Minister won the decoration were, according to the Secolo, as

When the last Austro-Hungarian ofwhen the last Austro-Hungarian of-fensive began in the Trentino Signor Bissolati was on a mission to Gen. Pen-nela. The Italian forces were seriously menaced and the Italian commander, who was in the first line, declared to his officers: "I have only one thing to ask you to do, and that is to take a rifle and die with our soldiers for the honor of Italy."

Signor Bissolati, who was present, addressed the commander, saying: "General, I request the honor of fighting by the side of your brave soldiers." He then took a place in the front line

RHEIMS BEYOND RESTORATION. Whitney Warren Reports Cathedral Cannot Be Wholly Repaired.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. Pasis, Jan. 7.—Whitney Warren, the New York architect, who sails for the United States next Saturday, has just PANAMA, Jan. 7.—The Assembly has visited Rheims and has made a report the property of the French Institute upon the condition of the cathedral to supplement the american mean supervisor in comone he made in 1914, after the cathedral one Mr. Warren read his report before the Institute yesterday and gave a copy to the correspondent of THE SUN. The French censorship, however, refuses to

GERMANY TO BE DEMOCRACY.

Changes After War.

Prof. Kuno Francke of Harvard Uni-Prof. Runo France of Harvard University in an address last night before the forum of the Free Synagogue in the Synagogue House, 36 West Sixteenth street, enumerated the following changes which he though would take place in Germany after the war:

A democratization of the form of government, abolition of the caste feeling in the army a helter understanding beautiful to the caste feeling in the same and the

the army, a better understanding be-tween the people and officers, a limita-tion of class privileges, broader suffrage, redistribution of the electoral districts for the Reichstag in conformity with the growth of cities, admission of Socialists to a seat in the government, a move-ment for the disestablishment of the church, enlargement of the public responsibilities and public rights of women—including the vote—and a heightening of the idealistic tendency in literature

Speaking of the future of the Socialist party he said it would not do to exclude from a seat in the Ministry a party which "in the moment of supreme na-tional need has demonstrated beyond a to the country.'

NEUTRALS REBUKED BY MAETERLINCK

Should Not Sit Idly By and See Germany Unpunished, He Says.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SEN from the

LONDON, Jan. 7.—The great hall of the Trocadero was crowded this afternoon by a meeting of the League of the Rights of Man, organized to protest against the deportation of Belgians and French to Germany,
Maurice Maeterlinck described the ap-

peal of the Belgian workers to the civi-lized world as one of the most heart-rending cries of distress yet heard upon the earth. He said:
"We know enough of Germany to feel

sure that it is not in her interest to spare the slaves. What is going on at this moment a few leagues away among our brethren must be so inhumanly frightful that the imagination dares not dwell upon it, yet we may be sure that the reality is even more terrible than M. Maeterlinck sternly rebuked the

of Holland and Switzerland to refugees. wounded and expatriates from all causes. Spain's generous intervention and Amer-ica's prodigious effort to save 4,000,000 martyrs from starvation, he declared the time had come to ask if those nations neant to stop there.

"What is all that they have done "What is all that they have done when weighed in the scale with what they ought to have done?" he continued. "Suppose for one instant we were in their places, that we Belgians, English, French and Italians had remained neutral, and that, in a war between Germany and Russia, Switzerland had suffered at Germany's hands the fate refered at Germany's hands the fate re-served for Belgium. What would Paris, Brussels, London have done?

"Can you imagine the cry of horror the mighty outburst of indignation which on one and the same day and in all our capitals would have shaken the very stones in the streets, have caught up our kings and our Governments in an overwhelming whirlwind of popular pity and justice?

Suggests Punishment.

You alone, who still bear the name of neutrals, which one day will weigh heavy on you, you alone, I say, can still hinder and punish certain crimes of our arms, we are powerless. Those who commit these crimes are living in your midst, they are received in your houses, they surround you with obse-quious yet threatening smiles, they shake your hand, they sit at your table, and they dare still to treat you on a footing

"It is time to make them feel by your acts that all this is changed, that they are no longer the equals of any man on this earth, that henceforth between humanity and them there is a gulf not to be crossed until after long years of peni-tence, suffering and humiliation."

uled to sail for Liverpool Saturday
afte noon, but held in port because of a
shortage of bituminous coal, got away
shortage of bituminous coal, got away been robbed of everything by Germany in violation of her solemn pledges at least the Belgian people should not be

The man was hurried away, tay vainty.

mother's corpse. "Liberty, property, security are rights terror, but there remains still one susteer a course down the screne river and bay seaward a few minutes after 11 the right to resist oppression. In two o'clock tast night.

The buoys of the channel showed although the right to resist oppression. In two years our slave drivers have learned to years our slave drivers not abandoned this right. Our workers' last word is this right. that whatever tortures they have yet to endure, they will accept peace only with independence and the triumph of

EX-PRINCESS NOT IN ASYLUM. Countess Montignoso Living in

Brussels in Good Health. Benn. Switzerland. Jan. 7.—The Counters Montigaoso, formerly the Crown Princess of Saxony, has addressed

a letter to a Swedish woman friend liv-ing in Bern saying the rumors pub-lished in the European and American newspapers that she had been interned more trains to carry the tonnage and ing the best of health.

B. R. T. IN COURT THIS WEEK. District Attorney Wants to Prose

cute Officials for Cold Cars.

The investigation which District Attorney Lewis of Brooklyn proposes to determine whether any or all officials of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company are liable to prosecution for failure to provide a minimum heat in cars, as ordered by the Public Service Commission, will begin in the Adams street court, probably before Magistrate Esterbrook, some day this week, the day not announced.

Mr. Lewis had hoped to begin the in-

Mr. Lewis had hoped to begin the investigation to-day, but difficulty in get-ting his witnesses together and coordi-nating his evidence threatens a short delay. As the case is an important one, involving a fine of \$500 and a term in the penitentiary as a maximum punish-ment in case of conviction on any one of nine specific complaints submitted to the District Attorney by the comm sion, Mr. Lewis is taking no chances.

BERLIN, Jan. 7 .- Boris V. Stuermer. who was succeeded as Premier in the Three Ships Reported Sunk.

London, Jan. 7. Lloyd's announces that the British steamer Alle, 1.244 tens, and the Danish steamers Ebro.

1,022 tons, and Viking have been sunk.

NATIONWIDE UNION \$19,000,000 IN NEW

WON IN NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATION IS DRAFTED

Four More States Join-Public Franchise Tax on Manufactur-Ownership of Food Plants Personalty Tax. Planned.

BISMARCK, N. D., Jan. 7 .- Nationaliszation of the Non-Partisan Political ing indirect revenue which will add \$10,-League, an organization of farmers, 000,000 yearly to the amount the State which swept the political boards of receives are provided in legislation the North Dakota in the last campaign, was receives are provided in legislation the

neadquarters from Fargo, N. D., to St. Paul, Minn., comes the statement that organization work is to be carried on in that amount. This is the franchise tax four more States, Iowa, Nebraska, on manufacturing corporations.

Michigan and Wisconsin being added to Such corporations are now until the State. The tax is to be corporations.

says, the organization work will be extended to the Pacific coast States, the Southwest and the extreme South. amount equal to the issued capital stock, plus one-half mill on each one per cent. the launching of our organization work in the other States means the movement has become national in its scope," said President Townley to-day. "The pro- and of the estimated twelve or thirteen

"Programmes in other States in which organization work is going forward are almost exactly similar. They call for strict State supervision of marketing conditions and public ownership of im-portant industries which relate to the portant industries which relate to the marketing of the farmer's products, such as grain elevators, by which it is pro-posed to establish a fair system of grades and marketing, packing houses, cold storage plants and flour mills.

M. Maetering and necessary adjuncts to marketing while recognizing the kind hospitality which are now controlled by monopoly of grain elevators and other important to the great injury of every citizen of the United States, consumers of farm products as well as farmers." President Townley says it is planned

to have a great national gathering of the league members in St. Paul within the next two years, probably within the next year, which he believes will be the greatest gathering of farmers ever held ization is now under way has an exec-utive board of farmers living in that nesota, where there are now said to be

Success Brings Recruits.

Rapid progress has also been made in South Dakota and Montana. The league's success in capturing the State administration of North Dakota and althe league considerable impetus throughout the West.

That the league will become a factor in the next Federal election is the firm belief of President Townley and the other leaders in the movement. Their organization work in the eight States that have een tested up to date will be followed

within a year, it is understood, by or-ganization work in other States. Thus ultimately, the league expects to become the dominant political factor throughout the middle West and the far ganization work will be taken up an executive committee of five members will be selected to carry on the movement, creased to \$102,938,242 and last year the national organization headed by reached \$114,970,741, a gain of \$12,032,-President Townley topping off the en- 499. tire movement.

NEW 8 HOUR BILL

Hagenman, special counsel for the Gov-ernment, will close the Government's

The brief which the railroads will file of \$6,000,000 to-morrow, attacking the constitution-ality of the Adamson law, was given out this evening. It contends that

The act attempts permanently to set up a new standard for reckoning the wages of train service employees; it makes temporary provision as to the amount of wages to be paid during a period of from seven to eleven months, but it does not limit the hours of service. That the act deals solely with wages and not at all with hours.

It does not purport to repeal or amend

the sixteen hour act and makes no referimplication repeals or amends the sixteen hour act. No one precents that such repeal has taken place or that any change has taken place in the rule of law which limits the hours of train ser vice to sixteen

train service employees to eight hours could only be accomplished by shortening the distance between railroad terminals

in a Belgian lunatic asylum were abso- more traffic congestion. One of the prina Belgian lunance.

ely unfounded.

The Countess wrote that she was reling privately in Brussels and enjoyling privately in Brussels and enjoystate Commerce Commission has restate Commerce Commission has restate Commerce Commission has restate Commerce Commission has recipal causes producing low freight rates has been the great economy effected creased train loading as a factor in

onomical operation.

That the third section of the act is clearly unconstitutional because it is an extreme interference with the liberty of

committing an injury or doing harm to This section cannot be upheld on any theory of the power of Congress to con-trol railroad expenses so as to promote

reasonable rates, because the intent o

the act is to increase wages with the ex-pectation that increased rates would fol What the art really provides is an experimental period of from seven to eleven months, during which many mil-lions of dollars would be taken from the railroad owners and given to a small portion of the railroad employees, and these the best paid of all the engloyees. This would be done without any provision for reimbursing the ratiroads for the property wrongfully taken from

OF FARMERS BEGUN TAXATION PROPOSED

ing Corporations to Replace

ALBANY, Jan. 7 .- New means of rais-

Announced to-day by A. C. Townley, president of the organization.

With the removal of the league's headquarters from Fargo, N. D., to St. Paul Min.

Such corporations are now untaxed by the State. The tax is to be computed North Dakota, South Dakota, Minne- at the rate of two mills and the par sota and Montana are already being value of the issued capital stock and organized, and later, President Townley bonded indebtedness in excess of an "The removal of the headquarters and of dividends declared. This tax is to gramme of the Non-Partisan League in Morth Dakota, in its essential, seeks to find a remedy for alleged economic abuses from which the farmers in the State have suffered.

The property and of the estimated twelve or intrinent million dollars revenue the localities will be three-quarters to make up for the loss of the local personal property tax and the State one-quarter, or about \$3,-

Another increase of \$1,000,000 in State corporation franchise taxes by dividing corporations into two classes

Tax Graduated by Dividends. The first class, those paying 3 per cent, dividends or less or no dividends at all, would pay an annual tax of threequarters of a mill on each dollar of apquarters of a mill on each dollar of appraised value of capital stock. The second class, corporations paying more than 3 per cent. dividends, would be taxed one-quarter of a mill for each 1 per cent. of dividend on the appraised value of capital stock. **BATTLE IS RAGING**

With a view to preventing politics from interfering with the decisions of the State Board of Equalization the Tax Commission recommends that the duties of the equalization board be transerred to the Tax Commission itself so ers will make the equalization. The report will show that the total assessed value of property within the State for the year 1916 was as follows:

Making a total real and personal property assessment of, \$12,113,913,419
Increase in the assessed value of real property (inclusive of equalized special franchise property) over the year 1915 is \$151,755,772
Increase in equalized special-ranchise property over the year \$15.

Increase in the assessed value of personal property (other than bank stock) over the year 1915 is \$6,510,894

Making a total increase in the assessed value of real and per-sonal property over the year 1915 of

Personal Property Increase.

Down to 1915, when the present Tax Commission came into office, the per-sonal property assessments of the State, outside of New York city, dropped annually until 1914 they were down to \$97,957,416. In 1915 they were in-creased to \$102,938,242 and last year

Total assessed value of real property exempt from taxation as erty exempt from taxation as reported to the Tax Department

or encumbrance existing and specified in the instrument. This tax, it is estimated, would raise in the neighborhood

Amendment Is Advocated. To supplement this proposed legislation, the State Tax Commission asked the Legislature to pass an amendment LAWSON TO TELL OF to the State Constitution which will permit the Legislature, through the State Tax Commission, to provide for a uni-form system of taxing personal property throughout the State, which work is now attempted to be done with little

now attempted to be uponnow attempted to be uponsuccess by local assessors.

The proposed amendment provides
that the Legislature shall establish a
plan of State and local taxation; that
tax districts shall be defined by the
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situation. Legislature: that local tax officers shall the origin of their reports and the circumstances affecting the stock market tricts and elected by the voters or appointed by the local authorities within the districts; that the jurisdiction, powers and duties of local tax district of the situation to admit that there was a "leak" of some kind, although they are ficers shall be prescribed by law, and that exemption from taxation shall be granted only upon the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all the members of the

Legislature.

vestigation or whether the controversy principle but permits of reasonable and intelligent centralization of administra-TRANSPORT SUNK BY U-BOAT.

The commission points out that the

Vessel Torpedoed Not British French, London Says. BERLIN, via London, Jan. 7 .- "One of our submarines," says an official statement issued to-day by the German Admiralty, "torpedoed and sank on December 25 in the eastern Mediterranean an enemy transport of more than 5,000

tons. The vessel was accompanied by

LONDON, Jan. 7 .- Commenting on the German Admiralty report of the sinking of an Entente transport the London Press "No transport, British or French, was sunk in the eastern Mediterranean on

TELLS OF U-BOAT'S EXPLOITS. Berlin Admiralty Says It Sank

Eleven Ships in Eleven Days. Benin (by wireless). Jan. 7.—An Addiralty statement published in connecton with the announcement of the safe return of the German submarine U-46, which had been reported sunk in the Bay of Biscay, says that a German supmersible, number not given, sank cleven Entente steamers in eleven days. Of this number five vessels, aggregating 15,000 tons, were laden with coal and bound for France and Italy.

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ALONG THE SERETH

BRONX

of the lower Sereth in central Rumania. along a thirty mile front, has been de-cided in favor of the Central Powers after flerce fighting, writes the military in forcing their way from Bucharest to Braila, a distance of 125 miles. The military critic adds:

"The Russians were defeated and lost their fortified field positions after weeks of preparation on the southern bank of the Sereth, from where according to repeated announcements in the Entente press, a counter offensive was to have here laurched. On a front of ten wiles been launched. On a front of ten miles deni, the troops of the Central Powers greeted him with extreme warmth. reached the swampy districts and river not yet been counted as battles are still

"Thanks to the splendid combined operations of the Danube and Dobrudje, alterations you are to make in the exarmies, which exercised a double prestates to equip them for park purposes?" Central Powers. It was conquered after answered.

tenacious house to house fighting.

"Have you decided on any date for the Company, \$11,200; 65 shares Burkers."

Pipe Line Company, \$10,140; 1 shares. Central Powers. It was conquested to thouse fighting.

"In just one month the forces of the Central Powers traversed the road from Bucharest to Braila, a distance of 125 miles, under continuous fighting. The Danube town, with its 55,000 inhabitants and important and efficient docks, depots and elevators, offers an extraordepots and elevators, offers an extraordepots and elevators, offers an extraordepots and elevators. ships may now go from the heart of Germany as far as Braila. On the other hand navigation by the Russians and Rumanians on the Danube has been

Hungarian troops are pushing against the extreme western positions of the Screth line at Focsani.

far from unanimous on the question whether there was anything surrepti

tious or mysterious about it.

is to be dropped altogether SUMMON ALLAN CURTIS.

Legislators Will Question N. Y.

formation the committee obtains in the

Broker in Washington. Boston, Jan. 7.—Allan Curtis of the Stock Exchange firm of Curtis & Sanger of New York and Boston, was served with a summons to-day by Kenneth Romney, assistant sergeant-at-arms of the House of Representatives, as a wit-ness in the Congressional inquiry into the alleged "lead" in information con-cerning President Wilson's note to the

elligerent Powers.
Mr. Curtis said he expected to be in Washington Tuesday to testify. He repeated his denial that he had written a letter to Representative Wood of In-diana signed "A. Curtis," giving infor-mation about the "leak."

HONOLULU CAN GET COAL.

Britain Modifies Embargo to Exempt Chief Hawalian Port. Honolulu, Jan. 7.—The British Admiralty has exempted Honolulu from the recent coal shipment embargo. This

was indicated yesterday when notifica-tion was received that the motorship City of Portland was on its way here from Australia with 2,000 tons of coal. Representations to the British Gov-ernment that British transpacific ship ping would suffer if the supply of bunker coal here failed were believed to be responsible for its modification.

ROCKEFELLER SILENT ON F. T. MARTIN LEFT HIS PARK GIFT PLAN

John D. Jr. Gets Congratulations at Bible Class From Chief Magistrate McAdoo.

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., whose purchase of the Billings, Hays and Sheafer estates for a park to be given to New! York was announced on Saturday, de- ick Townsend Martin, who died in Lonclined yesterday to discuss his plans. He don on March S, 1914, made by Transfer attended the Bible class of the Fifth Tax Appraiser Frank K. Bowers, shows Avenue Baptist Church to listen to the that Mr. Martin left \$656,512. The net address of William McAdoo, Chief Mag- estate after debte, funeral and adminis

His appearance at the class brought sions had been paid is \$528,216. An ef him a shower of congratulations from fort had been made by the executors : the young men present. Mr. McAdoo show that Mr. Martin was a resident of

sure from the west and east against he was asked after the service. friend H. M. Sands, \$25,000 Braila, Rumania's most important com- "Really, all that can be said at the Mr. Martin by Perlaghy, \$4.77 Brails, Rumania's most important com"Really, all that can be said at the Mr. Martin by Perlaghy, \$4,779.
mercial town fell into the hands of the present time is in the newspapers," he Among the stocks held by Mr. Martin

METROPOLITAN TRUST MOVES. Vans Carry \$186,000,000 Cash and

church or ate a Sunday dinner yester-day \$179,000,000 in securities and \$7. Standard Oil Company of New Jersel, 000,000 in cash were moved in vans \$184,950; 310 shares Standard Oil Com-000,000 in cash were moved in vans from the old address of the Metropoli-tan Trust Company at 49 Wall street to its new and greatly enlarged offices at 60 Wall street.

Prom 9 o'clock in the morning until

late in the afternoon Wall street, which

is usually deserted on Sunday, presented a scene of unusual activity. Dozens of trips were made by the vans heavily loaded with office furniture and stores. But the most interesting feature of the moving day was the transportation of the securities and currency carried in sealed metal cases and protected on each side by a cordon of special officers.

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WIFE HASTENING TO COL. CODY.

Aged Scout, "Buffalo Bill," Reaches Denver Critically Ill. DENVER, Col., Jan. 7.—The condition of Col. William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) was announced by his physician to-night as "continuing serious."

The aged scout stood the journey from

Glenwood Springs last night, whither he had gone in hope of physical improve-ment, better than those in attendance had expected, it was said. Late develop ments, however, have given rise to no additional hopes for his recovery. The Colonel's wife and daughter are hastening here from the family home in

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shares New York Transit Company, \$4 545; 60 shares Prairie Dil and Gas Com pany, \$33,480; 200 chares Ohio Oil Com-pany, \$34,200; 30 chares Southern Pire Line Company, \$6,840; 35 shares South Securities to 60 Wall Street.

While New York slept, attended hurch or ate a Sunday dinner yesteray \$173,000,000 in securities and \$25,000,000 in securities pany of New York, \$66.340: 100 shares Vacuum Oil Company, \$21,300; 200 shares Northern Pacific Railroad, \$22-000; 300 shares New York, New Haven shares Metropolitan Trust Company, \$18,250; 60 shares Ainslee Magazine Company, \$500; 500 shares California Medicinal Sprinss Company, \$33; Berkeley School certificate of beneficial inter-There were accrued dividends



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